

### Parent Relations

The Parent Relations office at the University of Indianapolis is an intentional effort to communicate and engage with parents of UIndy students. As a student retention effort, we take the perspective that informed parents will better support their student, resulting in increased satisfaction and persistence to graduation. Timely information will be provided throughout the year to help keep our UIndy parents involved and interested.

## Recently Asked Questions

**What forms need to be completed besides the FAFSA?**

In addition to the FAFSA, the University Application for Financial Aid also needs to be completed. Commonly referred to as the UApp, this one-page document is available in the Financial Aid office and assists with matching up the student's federal file with their campus file.

Under the new policies for Financial Aid, a separate Stafford Loan application is not necessary. If a student is

eligible for a Stafford Loan, the amount will appear on their package statement. The loan will be automatically processed unless the office is directly contacted to deny the loan. Additional information may be necessary as requested by the Financial Aid office, so please make sure you or your student stays on top of any requests in order to not delay processing.

**Does UIndy fall into the Midwestern Disaster Area on our tax forms?**

There appears to be a difference in credit if it does? In the educational credits for 2008 federal taxes, a question appears asking if the institution attended is in the Midwestern Disaster Area. Marion County is listed as one of the affected areas, and since the University of Indianapolis is located here, the tax credit does apply. For specific questions or clarifications, you should contact a tax professional if you are unsure.

### Midterm Grades are Coming!

Parents of new students (those who started Aug. 2008) will receive midterm grades IF their student completed a FERPA form giving permission to the University to release the information during the first year. Midterm grades are expected to be mailed on March 4, so expect to receive them about March 6. Please remember that the Registrar only sends the information if a grade release from the student is on file, and only to those parents/guardians who are designated.

Midterm grades give you an opportunity to have a discussion with your son/daughter regarding how their semester is going, and reminding them that the time from Spring Break to Finals can be intense. Remember that midterms are only indicators of how the semester is going so far, those grades can and probably will change by the end of the term. So be encouraging, yet realistic, to get the results that you both desire.

Important Dates to Remember

- > February 27-28, 2009  
Sibs & Kids Weekend
- > March 9-15, 2009  
Spring Break—Residence Halls Closed
- > March 10, 2009  
FAFSA Deadline!
- > April 10, 2009  
Good Friday—No Classes
- > April 27, 2009  
Semester II Final Exams Begin
- > May 1, 2009  
Graduate Programs Commencement
- > May 2, 2009  
Undergraduate Commencement
- > May 4, 2009  
Spring Term Begins
- > May 11, 2009  
First 7-Week Summer Session Begins
- > May 22, 2009  
Spring Term Ends
- > May 25, 2009  
Memorial Day—No Classes
- > June 26, 2009  
First 7-Week Summer Session Ends

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# Life in Residence Life

Greetings from Residence Life! It is hard to believe that February is almost over, and Spring Break is right around the corner! Here are some important announcements:

**Residence Hall Recap**—Housing Sign Up for the 2009-2010 is in full swing at UIndy and we are pleased at the number of students who will be returning to campus housing next year!

At the current time, we are at capacity for Central Hall, Campus Apartments, and our newest residential building, East Hall, for next year. We still have a few spaces available for male students in New Hall.

The on-line sign up process for Warren, Cravens, and Cory Bretz Halls will

begin on Monday, March 2. We are using an electronic database this year to streamline these hall reservations, so look for announcements and instructions to be delivered through campus email.

Please make sure that students have paid their \$150 tuition and housing deposit!

**Spring Break Closing**—The residence halls will close for spring break on Friday, March 6 at 6:00pm and will reopen on Sunday March 15, at 12:00pm. Students that are interested in staying in the halls over break have the option to pay \$90 and receive a break key. As a reminder, food service is not available. Students should visit the Office

of Residence Life prior to March 6 if they are interested in staying for break.

**Summer Housing**—Students curious about living on campus during the summer should direct their questions to the Residence Life office after Spring Break. Campus housing during the summer is an economic and safe option for students, especially for those enrolled in summer courses.

Do not hesitate to contact the Residence Life office at 317-788-3530 with questions, comments, or concerns. Have a safe and relaxing Spring Break!

## The Facts About Financial Aid

February is Financial Aid Awareness Month. The Office of Financial Aid would like to remind all students they need to file their 2009-2010 FAFSA by March 10th (the state filing deadline). The FAFSA can be filed online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Students must also complete the Financial Aid Application which is available in our office.

We would also like to alert students to changes we are making to the Stafford loan application process. Starting the Summer 2009 semester we will no longer require students to complete a Stafford loan application. When you receive your award letter your loans will have already been ap-

proved. If you do not want the loan or want a different amount you will need to contact our office immediately. If you are a new borrower you will still need to complete entrance counseling and a Master Promissory Note once your loan has been approved. You can go to our website <http://financialaid.uindy.edu> to complete both. Please contact our office at (317) 788-3217 with any questions about filing the 2009-2010 FAFSA or the new loan process.



**If you have any questions or are interested in receiving more information about anything discussed in this newsletter please contact:**

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To help you stay connected we have the following resources:

Website: <http://www.uindy.edu/parents/>

Email list: [parents-list@uindy.edu](mailto:parents-list@uindy.edu), with over 2100 subscribers as of 10/15/08

- Newsletter: 2-3 issues intended per year
- Parent Handbook: Available on campus, or on the Parents website for download

# Spring Term, Summer & Fall **Registration**

Online Registration for Spring Term ends March 6. Day students are required to take at least one Spring Term class to graduate with a Bachelor's Degree. Spring Term offers students an opportunity to participate in a course not available during the regular semesters. Courses feature interesting topics, non-traditional activities, field trips, and/or travel. Spring Term begins May 4 and ends May 22. Course descriptions can be viewed online via the Student area of Self-Service or on the Registrar's website. Students enrolled full-time during Semester I and II of the 2009-2010 academic year, have no unpaid balance at the University, and have never taken a Spring Term course, will pay no additional tuition for the course. Additionally, students may continue to live in the residence hall while enrolled in a Spring Term course. Many classes have already reached their enrollment limit, so it is important that students who are considering Spring Term sign up as soon as possible.

Registration for Summer Classes is now open and may be viewed on a student's Self-Service account, as well as on the Registrar's website under Course Schedules. No advisor signature is required for day or extended students to register for summer courses; however, students must visit their advisor's office or the Registrar's Office to register.

Registration for Fall Semester classes will begin in a few short weeks. As a parent, it is important to be familiar with the process so you can understand what your student is telling you, as well as to know when to ask questions about

what your student will be taking next semester.

Prior to registration students should pay their tuition and/or housing deposit, (\$100 for commuter students, \$150 for residents), take care of any holds they may have, otherwise they may not be able to register at that time. Holds may include unpaid bills, parking fines, health center forms, other fines, etc. They should also take the responsibility for reviewing the academic catalog and course schedule to create a tentative slate of classes before meeting with their advisor.

Students typically have two advisors they meet with during the process. A student may find their advisor on Self Service or they can inquire in the Registrar's Office. Students register with their Key Advisor based upon their earned class standing as listed below.

Seniors may register between March 17 – 19

Juniors may register between March 23 – 26

Sophomores may register between March 30 – April 6

Freshmen register between April 8 – 17

It is important that students make appointments with their key advisors on the appropriate dates listed above. Class sections fill up quickly and delaying the registration process may interfere with getting into required courses. Even if a student is considering alternative plans for the Fall, it is wiser to register for classes now and withdraw later.

**FAFSA Deadline—March 10, 2009**

**Don't let this date pass you by!!**

## SPRING TERM

We wanted to remind you about Spring Term, explain what it is and let you know that most students need to complete this requirement during their first two years at UIndy. One Spring Term course is required to graduate.

Spring Term, a three-week May term, offers students the opportunity to enroll in a course not offered during the regular semesters. Each Spring Term course has an interdisciplinary, creative, or innovative focus, and some involve national or foreign travel. Spring Term is required for all baccalaureate degree-seeking freshmen or sophomores. The requirement is expected to be fulfilled during the student's first two years, or the students will need to take an additional three credits of general education before graduation. The Spring Term requirement does not apply to transfer students entering with 60 or more credit hours. Housing and meal plans carry-over during a student's first Spring Term without additional expense. Travel courses usually have additional costs due to airfare, hotels, etc., however travel grants may be available to help offset these expenses. Students should have registered for a Spring Term class by now if they were planning to complete the requirement this year.